

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CULTURAL AWARENESS QUIZ*

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You may be proud of your results on I.W., S.A.T., or A.C.T. Tests. However, such tests usually assume a common, middle-class cultural background and a standard vocabulary; it is important to remember that these assumptions are not valid for all populations.

You are to take a quiz that has been designed to test your awareness of the cultural background of central West Virginia. Each item is related to the life experiences and heritage of the people in this mountainous region. Human awareness is usually gained from association with people and from being immersed in their milieu rather than from formal textbooks.

When we consider that many public schools today use both commercially prepared and teacher-constructed tests that are generally standardized according to the middle-class experience, we can begin to appreciate the overwhelming difficulties faced by some of the poor Appalachian youngsters who must take such tests. With the quiz you are about to take, the situation has been reversed. This particular quiz is based on information related to a culture about which you probably have limited firsthand knowledge. You should be aware that your score on this quiz will be used as a basis for various purposes associated with school performances such as grades, job placement, and promotion. Also consider the fact that if you do not happen to pass (70 percent or better), it will be concluded that you are culturally different! The real question is as follows: DO YOU KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT THE POOR APPALACHIAN'S WORLD AS SUCH A PERSON IS EXPECTED TO KNOW ABOUT YOURS?

1. A "ramp" refers to a (an):
 - a. fish
 - b. animal
 - c. plant
 - d. drink
2. Which word does NOT belong?
 - a. holler
 - b. valley
 - c. cove
 - d. river
3. A "gully washer" refers to a:
 - a. river
 - b. laundress
 - c. bathtub
 - d. cloud burst
4. A "crick" refers to a:
 - a. cricket
 - b. spinal pain
 - c. children's game
 - d. small stream
5. The most common foods eaten in central West Virginia are:

- a. cornbread and beans c. turnips and bread
b. potatoes and pork d. meat and potatoes
6. The average height of a coal mine is:
a. five feet c. two feet
b. three and one-half feet d. six and one-half feet
7. "Slag" refers to:
a. coal waste c. coal waste and slate
b. slate d. none of the above
8. What is a "spreader" used with?
a. a horse c. a toy
b. fertilizer d. a name
9. What is a "jack' leg?"
a. a preacher c. a crippled person
b. a tool d. an alcoholic drink
10. What is a "granny woman"?
11. a maternal grandmother
12. the oldest woman with the family name
13. a midwife
14. none of the above
15. "Quince" is a:
a. child's name c. drink
b. fruit d. dance
16. A "cakewalk" is a (an):
a. easy job c. Sunday walk
b. easy girl d. social event
17. Which term does NOT belong?
a. Redbone c. Black and Tan
b. easy girl d. social event
18. Which is NOT an alcoholic drink?
a. White lightning c. lights-out
b. Mountain dew d. stump water
19. Which word does NOT belong?
a. swamp c. stoop
b. sluice d. bog
20. Prayer meetings in Methodist churches are held on:

- a. Sunday afternoons
- b. Wednesday nights
- c. Friday nights
- d. none of the above

21. Which of these is not the name of an apple produced in central West Virginia?

- a. Sheepnose
- b. Jonathan
- c. Wolf River
- d. Hogshead

22. A "poke" refers to a:

- a. card game
- b. bag
- c. fight
- d. dance

23. Which is NOT a tea?

- a. clover
- b. mint
- c. nettle
- d. sassafras

24. Who was the greatest basketball player to attend West Virginia University?

- a. Earl Monroe
- b. Bill Russell
- c. Rick Barry
- d. Jerry West

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